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REFERENCES

1. Between 21 and 30 April 1953 in the Heiligenkreuz section of the Austro-Hungarian border [redacted] the mines planted in the barbed wire entanglement were exploded harmlessly.¹
2. On 21 April 1953 on the Austro-Hungarian border in the Mogersdorf border section [redacted] the mines in the barbed wire entanglement were detonated.¹
3. On 13 May 1953 in the Mogersdorf border section on the Austro-Hungarian border [redacted] for a distance of about 1500 meters, explosive mines were removed by Hungarian soldiers from the barbed wire. These mines were laid 8-10 meters behind the barbed wire on cleared land and were connected to a barely visible trip-wire 10 cm. off the ground.¹
4. On 15 May 1953 in Bezirk Güssing-Burgenland on the border section [redacted] (Reinersdorf), Hungarian soldiers removed the mines which were in the barbed wire. The wire entanglement [redacted] in the same section, was made less passable by the addition of more strands of wire.²

[redacted] Comments:

1. A report [redacted] stated that mines on the Hungarian frontier had become rusty and had deteriorated faster than expected. It is thought that the detonations in question resulted from the explosion of old mines which are to be replaced with new ones.
2. Strengthening of wire entanglements in an area covered with antipersonnel mines would very likely necessitate the prior removal of these mines.

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